



09/711671#5

Docket No.: 052156-031

### DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

#### A SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTERING AN ON-LINE FINANCIAL-AID SERVICE FOR A PLURALITY OF POST-HIGHSCHOOL EDUCATION FACILITIES

described and claimed

\_\_\_\_\_ in the attached specification;  
x in the specification filed November 13, 2000,  
as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/711,671,  
and as amended \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I appoint

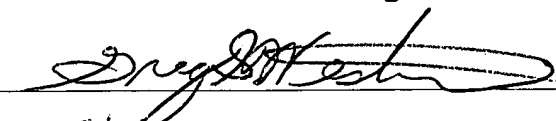
Theodore D. Lienesch	Reg. No. 28,235
Mark P. Levy	Reg. No. 27,922
Douglas E. Erickson	Reg. No. 29,530
David A. Mancino	Reg. No. 39,289
Michael J. Nieberding	Reg. No. 39,316
Steven J. Elleman	Reg. No. 41,733
John M. Mueller	Reg. No. 44,248
John F. Kane	Reg. No. 44,815

my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to (937) 443-6958. Address all correspondence to: Thompson Hine LLP, 2000 Courthouse Plaza N.E., 10 West Second Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402-1758, Attention: Theodore D. Lienesch.

Docket No. 052156-031  
Declaration and Power of Attorney  
Page 2

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Full name of sole or first Inventor - Greg S. Westrick

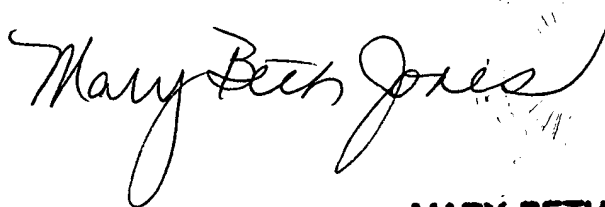
Inventor's Signature   
Date: 17-July-01

Residence: 5686 Chesapeake Way, Fairfield, OH 45014

Citizenship:

Post Office Address: Student Loan Funding Resources LLC  
One West Fourth Street  
Suite 200  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3699

185364.1



**MARY BETH JONES**  
Notary Public - State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 6-5-05